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1. US urges merger of three western zones in Germany--The Department of State has advised US Embassy London of its belief that the pressure of recent events in Europe lends new cogency to the desirability of the immediate coordination of the three western zones in Germany, leading to early French participation in an administration for western Germany. The Department believes that the three-power occupation of Germany may be of indefinite duration, thus offering France protected security guarantees against a resurgent Germany. The Department also suggests the possibility of establishing a military security board, on which Benelux would be represented, as an adjunct to an eventual tripartite military government administration.
2. USSR believed jamming VOUSA--The US Consul in Vladivostok has concluded that the strong and constant interference encountered by "Voice of America" (VOUSA) transmissions to the Far East indicates that these broadcasts are now being jammed by the Soviet Union.

(CIA Comment: Such interference, if substantiated, would be the first instance of such action by the Soviet Union. In the past, Soviet officials have taken prompt action to eliminate Soviet-caused interference to VOUSA transmissions.)

EUROPE

3. ITALY: Sforza suggests US-UK statement to USSR--US Embassy Rome transmits a message to Secretary Marshall from Italian Foreign Minister Sforza who suggests that a joint declaration be issued by the US and the UK stating that the USSR has now reached "the limit of the expansion of its control" and will not be permitted to extend this control to any other western European states. Sforza stresses his grave concern over the European situation.

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and notes that the present stage of Soviet expansion corresponds to that of Hitler in 1938. Sforza feels that Italy will be the next point of attack by the USSR, either by Communist infiltration or through Yugoslav action. Sforza expresses the view, however, that it would be undesirable for electoral purposes in Italy to mention Italy specifically in the proposed joint declaration.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that a declaration as suggested by Sforza not only would gain votes for the Government in the Italian elections but would also appreciably increase the determination of anti-Communists throughout western Europe.)

4. **CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Urges withholding of US shipments--**
US Ambassador Steinhardt recommends that the US withhold the shipment of approximately \$25 million of heavy industrial equipment ordered from the US by Czechoslovakia. Steinhardt believes that fulfillment of these orders would now "contribute to the promotion of Soviet politico-economic policy." Steinhardt also suggests that Czechoslovak funds now in the US be impounded to protect US claims for property which has been nationalized or seized by the Czechoslovak Government.

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